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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121

between:

Group I, claims 1-8 and 21-23, characterized by the Examiner as being

classified in class 257, subclass 405; and

Group II, claims 9-20, characterized as being drawn to a Method, classified in

class 438, subclass 288.

The Examiner alleged that Groups I and II are related as process of making and

product made. The Examiner further alleged that the inventions are distinct if either or both

of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other

and materially different process or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another

and materially different process. According to the Examiner, in the instant case, a

materially different process that does not include a step of making the conductive particles

insulative at a periphery thereof could make the device of claim 1.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-8 and 21-23, without

traverse. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-

elected claims.

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Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present

application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Demetra R. Smith-Stewart

(Reg. No. 47,354), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in

connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future

replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for

any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1. 17; particularly, extension of time

fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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